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SUBJECT: SETTLEMENT OF SPANISH COMPENSATION CLAIMS AGAINST CUBA

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SPAIN SENT A DELEGATION TO CUBA IN MAY 1975 TO REOPEN
NEGOTIATIONS FOR COMPENSATION OF SPANISH PROPERTY LOSSES
IN CUBA. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO GOS FONMIN SOURCES,
ALTHOUGH CUBA ACCEPTS THE PRINCIPAL THAT COMPENSATION
SHOULD BE PAID, ITS ACTUAL OFFER IS TOO FAR REMOVED FROM
WHAT SPAIN CONSIDERS TO BE REASONABLE BY INTERNATIONAL
STANDARDS AND NEGOTIATIONS HAVE GONE NO FURTHER. THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY ADDED THAT THE CUBAN OFFER DOES NOT EVEN
AMOUNT TO 10 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL SPANISH CLAIM AND THUS
WHILE CUBA GAINS INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR STATING
THAT COMPENSATION SHOULD BE PAID ITS ACTUAL POSITION IS
SUCH THAT IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE SERIOUS IN HONORING
THIS COMMITMENT.
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